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SCOTTSDALE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD IN “HOME MAILER PROGRAM” ENVELOPE STUFFING SCHEME

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that DAVID CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON, 33, of Scottsdale, Arizona, pled guilty to Mail Fraud in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona.

ANDERSON was charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1341, the Mail Fraud statute, in connection with his participation in a long running “bait and switch” envelope stuffing scheme. From early 1999 through late 2000, ANDERSON and others operated a business known as Nationwide Commodities, which ran advertisements in periodicals across the United States offering people the opportunity to earn more than \$1000 per week working from home. The advertisements represented that Nationwide Commodities had numerous direct mail advertising clients who were in need of home workers to stuff their mailers, and that through Nationwide the home worker would have unlimited mailer envelopes to stuff, earning between \$3.00 and \$3.50 per envelope. Nationwide required prospective home workers to mail a “registration fee” of between \$18.00 and \$36.00 to purchase Nationwide’s “home mailer program,” which would explain how the home worker would receive and process the advertisements and envelopes to be stuffed, and earn their money. Over the course of this fraud, nearly nine thousand victims purchased

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the “home mailer program,” only to learn that Nationwide had no advertising clients and no envelopes to send them for processing.

A conviction for Mail Fraud carries a maximum penalty of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before Judge Susan Richey Bolton on June 18, 2002.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The prosecution is being handled by John Joseph Tuchi, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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